disablement cases. The total number of cases for disposal during the year were 4,563 including the cases pending at the commencement of the year and one case received for disposal from the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Andhra State. Of these, 4,481 cases were disposed of.

907. The average amount of compensation paid during the year in respect of each fatal accident was Rs. 1,885·4, permanent disablement was Rs. 1,144·6 and temporary disablement was Rs 23·4, respectively.

(viii) Rural Industrialisation.

908. There were 401 Group Committees-*cum*-Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies organised on the basis of one for each Revenue Hobli. These societies enrolled 40,593 (57,212) share-holders collecting a sum of Rs. 8·31 lakhs (Rs. 11·70 lakhs).

909. A sum of Rs. 8·29 lakhs was paid as sub-vention to the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies towards the maintenance of those Societies. The Societies have spent a sum of Rs. 3,29,218 for payment of honorarium, contingency rent and for miscellaneous expenditure during the year.

910. These Group Committees conducted two meetings every month at their Hobli-quarters, one for business transaction and the other for propaganda work.

911. The Departmental Officers and Revenue Officers have conducted 3,175 meetings throughout the State at the circle villages and advised the rural folk to increase their productive capacity and their income by starting fresh remunerative Small Scale and Cottage Industries in the villages.

912. The Rural Industrial Financing Bank, organised under the Scheme for providing credit facilities to the industrialists in need of financial aid to start or expand their industries, continued to work during the year with an additional capital of Rs. 12 lakhs raising the total investment of capital to Rs. 42 lakhs.

913. Loans amounting to Rs. 17,11,218 were granted to several kinds of rural industries during the year. Sanction was accorded for providing financial assistance without

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security to the poorer class of artisans. A sum of rupees two lakhs was sanctioned to the Mysore Central Rural Industrial Financing Bank Ltd., as loan for granting surety loans.

914. During the year, the collection of essential statistics of the villages was undertaken throughout the State and by the end of March 1956 the work was completed in 15,883 villages, leaving a balance of 3,243 villages.

915. During the year, 9,500 private industrial units were started and expanded, investing an additional capital of Rs. 141·37 lakhs employing 27·205 men and goods worth of Rs. 263·95 lakhs were produced during the year in these units.

916. Thirty-one Craft Co-operative Societies were organised and registered in addition to 401 Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies for the benefit of the village craftsmen to provide them with tools and implements, marketing facilities, besides working capital for purchase of raw materials, etc.

917. Seventy-one applications were received under the scheme for supply of machinery on Hire Purchase System from all over the State including the urban area, of which 12 applications were recommended to the Director, Small Industries Service Institute, Madras, for supply of machinery worth of Rs. 4,44,635.

918. The Central Board constituted for operating the Rural Industrialisation Scheme was continued during the year.

919. Out of the revised Budget of Rs. 17·80 lakhs, a sum of Rs. 12·82 lakhs was spent during the year.